



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS

Tetsuo NAGATA

SERIAL NO.

10/697,021

FILED

10 June 2003

FOR

ZOOM OPTICAL SYSTEM AND IMAGING APPARATUS

USING THE SAME

GROUP ART UNIT:

2877

Conf. No. 1100

EXAMINER

Sang H. Nguyen

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P.O. BOX 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

SIR:

On February 17, 2006, the Examiner issued a Restriction Requirement in the above identified application, with regard to claims 1-19.

Applicants provisionally elect Group III claims 15-19, drawn to a microscope apparatus.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4200 to discuss any matter concerning this application.

The Office is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: March 14, 2006
KENYON & KENYON LLP
1500 K Street, N.W., Suite 700
Washington, D.C. 20005-1257
(202) 220-4200 (Telephone)
(202) 220-4201 (Facsimile)

602590_1.DOC

John C. Altmiller

Registration No. 25,951